

Black Is... 2001

Booklists for Adults

Contemporary Issues

*Recommended for Teens

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING: 10 LIFE-CHANGING STEPS TO TURNING ATTITUDE INTO ACTION

by Keith Harrell.
BF327 .H37 2000x

THE DEBT: WHAT AMERICA OWES TO BLACKS

by Randall Robinson.
The founder and president of TransAfrica calls for America to acknowledge "its financial obligation to blacks for centuries of slavery and continued subjugation."
E185.615 .R525 2000

DRIVING WHILE BLACK: HIGHWAYS, SHOPPING MALL, TAXICABS, SIDEWALKS ... WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF RACIAL PROFILING

by Kenneth Meeks.
HV8141 .M39 2000

IN SEARCH OF BLACK AMERICA: DISCOVERING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN DREAM

by David J. Dent.
Detroit, Seattle, Washington D.C.; at rodeos, art galleries, and mansions ... a five-year road trip uncovers the hopes and dreams of black Americans.
E185.86 D468 2000

A REGION NOT HOME: REFLECTIONS FROM EXILE

by James Alan McPherson.
This book is a selection of essays from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Elbow Room*.
PS3563 .A325 .R4 2000

SOUL FOOD: INSPIRATIONAL STORIES FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

by Eric V. Copage.
Nikki Giovanni, James Baldwin and Oprah Winfrey, among others, contribute to this literary collage of stories, poetry, and fables.
E185.86 .C58212 2000

TABOO: WHY BLACK ATHLETES DOMINATE SPORTS AND WHY WE'RE AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT IT

by Jon Entine.
GV706.32 E57 2000

THE UNSTEADY MARCH: THE RISE AND DECLINE OF RACIAL EQUALITY IN AMERICA

by Philip A. Klinkner with Rogers M. Smith.

The authors disprove the idea that the United States has been on a "steady march" toward the end of racial discrimination.

WHAT BROTHERS THINK, WHAT SISTERS KNOW ABOUT SEX: THE REAL DEAL ON PASSION, LOVING AND INTIMACY

by Denene Millner and Nick Chiles.

HQ21 .M647 2000

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL: THE IMPACT OF FATHERLESSNESS ON BLACK WOMEN

by Jonetta Rose Barras.

HQ756.8 B377 2000x

Expressions

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ALL ABOUT LOVE: NEW VISIONS

by bell hooks.

This book presents a look at the reasons for our love-deprived society and ways to repair it.

BF575 .L8 H655 2000

B. SMITH: RITUALS AND CELEBRATIONS

by Barbara Smith.

This book contains a month-by-month guide with recipes, party ideas, and craft projects.

TX739 .S485 1999

THE BLACK CHORD: VISIONS OF THE GROOVE: CONNECTIONS BETWEEN AFROBEATS, RHYTHM & BLUES, HIP-HOP, & MORE

by David Corio and Vivien Goldman.

This book details the diversity of the music of the Pan-African world and includes over 100 photos of artists from Fats Domino to Bob Marley to Monica.

ML3556 .C673 1999

BLACK WINGS & BLIND ANGELS: POEMS

by Sapphire.

The author of *Push* examines the various roles of women in today's urban society.

PS3569 .A63 B58 1999

DANCING IN THE STREET: MOTOWN AND THE CULTURAL POLITICS OF DETROIT

by Suzanne E. Smith.

A small record company provided the soundtrack for the civil rights campaign in Detroit as well as the rest of the nation.

ML3792 .S65 1999x

DARK MIDNIGHT WHEN I RISE: THE STORY OF THE JUBILEE SINGERS WHO INTRODUCED THE WORLD TO THE MUSIC OF BLACK AMERICA

by Andrew Ward.

In the years following the Civil War, this gospel group raised money for Fisk University.
ML421 .J77 W37 2000

DRAMA FOR A NEW SOUTH AFRICA: SEVEN PLAYS

edited by David Graver.

This book contains contemporary theater written by South Africans.
PL8014 .S62 D73 1999

ESSENCE TOTAL MAKEOVER: BODY, BEAUTY SPIRIT

edited by Patricia Mignon Hinds.

This book offers practical advice covering all the beauty bases.
RA778.4 .A36 E87 2000

FREEDOMWAYS READER: PROPHETS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY

edited by Esther Cooper Jackson and Constance Pohl.

Martin Luther King, Paul Robeson, W.E.B. DuBois and others are included in this anthology from the *Freedomways Quarterly*.
HT1581 .F735 2000

GIANT STEPS: THE NEW GENERATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WRITERS

edited by Kevin Young.

Danzy Senna, Edwidge Danticat, and Kevin Powell are included in this collection of award-winning poetry, fiction, and non-fiction by writers born after 1960.
PS508 .N3 G53 2000

HIDDEN WITNESS: AFRICAN-AMERICAN IMAGES FROM THE DAWN OF PHOTOGRAPHY TO THE CIVIL WAR

by Jackie N. Wilson.

TR680 .W55 1999

THE MESSENGER READER: STORIES, POEMS, AND ESSAYS FROM *THE MESSENGER MAGAZINE*

edited by Sondra Kathryn Wilson.

Compiled from the Socialist publication of the Harlem Renaissance.
PS508 .N3 M47 2000

PIGTAILS 'N BREADFRUIT: A CULINARY MEMOIR

by Austin Clarke.

Neither a cookbook nor a biography, the author recalls his childhood in Barbados and the rituals surrounding the preparation of traditional Bajan dishes.
TX716 .B35 C58 2000

A RENAISSANCE IN HARLEM: LOST VOICES OF AN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

edited by Lionel C. Bascom.

Essays from the Works Progress Administration archives written by Ralph Ellison, Dorothy West, and Vivian Morris, among others.
PS508 .N3 R46

THE ROSE THAT GREW FROM CONCRETE

by Tupac Shakur.

Shakur's poems include "In the Event of My Demise."
PS3569 .H322 R6 1999x

SHE

by Saul Williams.

Haunting poems about the strength and passion of women.

PS3573 .I455457 S54 1999

SLIM DOWN SISTER: THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO HEALTHY, PERMANENT WEIGHT LOSS

by Roneice Weaver, Fabiola Gaines, and Angela Ebron.

Includes low-fat versions of favorite soul food recipes.

RM222.2 .W2956 2000

SPOKEN SOUL: THE STORY OF BLACK ENGLISH

by John Russell Rickford and Russell John Rickford.

PE3102 .N42 R54 2000

STAYING STRONG: RECLAIMING THE WISDOM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HEALING

edited by Sara Lomax Reese and Kirk Johnson with Therman Evans.

Healing techniques from acupuncture to reflexology.

RA448.5 .N4 S83 1999x

***STRETCH YOUR WINGS: FAMOUS BLACK QUOTATIONS FOR TEENS**

selected and edited Janet Cheatham Bell and Lucille Usher Freeman.

Includes anecdotes from Lauryn Hill, Will Smith, R. Kelly and hundreds more on family, racism, and making better choices.

PN6081.3 S77 1999

THOUGHTS

by Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins.

The book contains poems and essays from the lead singer of TLC.

PS3573 .A8445 T483 1999x

TIEPOLO'S HOUND

by Derek Walcott.

This book-length poem interweaves the life stories of the painter Camille Pissarro and Walcott, both natives of the Caribbean. Includes 26 color paintings by the author.

PR9272.9 .W3 T54 2000

THE VINTAGE BOOK OF AFRICAN AMERICAN POETRY

edited by Michael S. Harper and Anthony Walton.

Fifty outstanding poets chronicle 200 years of vision, struggle, power, beauty, and triumph.

PS591 .N4 V56 2000

WALTZING IN DARK: AFRICAN AMERICAN VAUDEVILLE AND RACE POLITICS IN THE SWING ERA

by Brenda Dixon Gottschild.

GV1785 .W43 G68 2000

Fiction

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ABYSSINIAN CHRONICLES

This novel chronicles the coming of age of Mugezi during the nightmare reign of Idi Amin.

***THE AFRICAN AMERICAN WEST: A CENTURY OF SHORT STORIES**

edited by Bruce A. Glasrud and Laurie Champion.

This compilation reaches from early 20th century writers Charles W. Chesnutt and W.E.B. DuBois to the contemporary voices of Terry McMillan and Walter Mosley.

ALL OF ME: A VOLUPTUOUS TALE

by Venise Berry.

What's a chubby journalist to do when her boyfriend prefers his skinny ex, and her weight might prevent her from getting a promotion? Is suicide the answer?

BLACK GIRL IN PARIS

by Shay Youngblood.

In the mid-1980's, Eden Daniels moved to Paris in search of the literary freedom experienced by her heroes, Langston Hughes and James Baldwin.

Sarah Breedlove, an uneducated laundress, worked her way to becoming the first black female millionaire, Madam C. J. Walker.

BLIND AMBITIONS

by Lolita Files.

Can three women, an actress, a writer, and a producer succeed in the Hollywood atmosphere of sex, betrayal, and self-destruction?

BLUES DANCING

by Diane McKinney-Whetstone.

A chance meeting with a former college flame allows Verdi to discover passion, love and ultimately, herself.

BRUISED HIBISCUS

by Elizabeth Nunez.

Issues of race, class, and gender are brought to the fore when the body of a white woman washes ashore in colonial Trinidad.

BUTTERSCOTCH BLUES

by Margaret Johnson-Hodge.

It's love at first sight when Sandy sees Adrian's "butterscotch" skin. Can this relationship survive when he becomes ill?

CASTING THE FIRST STONE

by Kimberla Lawson Roby.

Reverend Black succumbs to the temptations of women and money. Will his marriage survive?

CHRONICLE OF THE SEVEN SORROWS

by Patrick Chamoiseau.

A tale of the poor and the rich in Martinique, as told through the life of Pipi Soleil, who transports, (and probably murders) human cargo, competes in a wheelbarrow race, and reluctantly guards a threatening zombie's buried treasure.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

by Sandra Kitt.

Caught in the crossfire of a drug bust, Carol finds herself attracted to the white cop who accidentally shot her.

***THE COLORED GARDEN: A NOVEL**

by O. H. Bennett.

Ten-year-old Sarge discovers baby "Kate's" grave in an old slave cemetery, and begins a quest to learn her secret.

A DANGEROUS ROAD

by Kris Nelscott.

Memphis 1968... Why is private investigator Smokey Dalton the beneficiary in the will of a white heiress?

DARK MATTER: A CENTURY OF SPECULATIVE FICTION FROM THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

edited by Sheree R. Thomas.

This book is a compilation of science fiction and fantasy, from vampires to robots.

DELLA'S HOUSE OF STYLE: AN ANTHOLOGY

with stories by Rochelle Alers, Donna Hill, Felicia Mason, and Francis Ray.

These four love stories are set amidst cuts, curls, weaves, and pedicures.

DESPAIR: AND OTHER STORIES

by Andre Alexis.

Tales from Trinidad and Canada focus on adultery, voodoo curses, and a doctor's unusual experiments.

DO UNTO OTHERS

by Kristin Hunter Lattany.

Cultures clash and her husband strays when Zena takes a young African woman into her home.

DON'T THE MOON LOOK LONESOME

by Stanley Crouch.

A seven-year-long interracial romance is threatened when Maxwell begins to feel that he doesn't want to spend the rest of his life with a white woman.

***FAR FROM THE TREE**

by Virginia DeBerry and Donna Grant.

Can Della keep her secrets after her daughters move back to the house they inherited?

FATHER FOUND

by R.M. Johnson.

Tracking down "deadbeat dads" becomes an obsession rather than a job.

THE FICTION OF LeROI JONES/AMIRI BARAKA

by LeRoi Jones, Imamu Amiri Baraka and Greg Tate.

THE FISHER KING: A NOVEL

by Paule Marshall.

This book tells a story of jazz, love, family conflicts, and hope.

THE FLIP SIDE OF SIN

by Rosalyn McMillan.

Released from prison, a former jazz musician finds an estranged wife and a troubled son. He manages to rebuild his life as he learns the lessons of love.

FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY

by Omar R. Tyree.

This book is the long-awaited sequel to *Flyy Girl*.

GENERAL SUN, MY BROTHER

by Jacques Stephen Alexis.

GOOD PEOPLES

by Marcus Major.

The tables are turned when Myles, who is ready for commitment, falls for Marisa, who is consumed by her career as a lawyer.

THE HOTEL ALLELUIA

by Lucinda Roy.

Two sisters, one white and one black, find each other upon their mother's death.

LIAR'S GAME

by Eric Jerome Dickey.

Vince and Dana are in love, but can it last when Vince's ex-wife and Dana's former lover arrive on the scene?

MAKE BELIEVE

by Joanna Scott.

With his parents dead, Bo is caught in a fierce custody struggle between his two sets of grandparents, one black and one white.

MASTER OF THE CROSSROADS

by Madison Smartt Bell.

This is the story of the life and rise to power of the great Haitian general, Toussaint Louverture.

***MIDNIGHT ROBBER**

by Nalo Hopkinson.

When Tan-Tan's father rapes her, they are taken from their village on the Caribbean planet Toussaint, and thrust into the brutal prison world of New Half-Way Tree.

MOTHER TO MOTHER

by Sindiwe Magona.

A mother recounts the story of how her son became a killer. Based on the 1993 murder in South Africa of a white American woman.

MOVE OVER GIRL

by Brian Peterson.

Tony, a college junior and former athlete, makes the journey from "player with a strong rap" to a committed, mature adult.

THE NEW CITY

by Stephen Amidon.

When two powerful men, one white and one black, compete for the job of city manager of a planned community, racial violence erupts.

NOT A DAY GOES BY

by E. Lynn Harris.

Yancey Harrington and John "Basil" Henderson are back, and about to get married, but there is a problem. The groom likes guys too.

PO MAN'S CHILD

by Marci Blackman.

After sustaining a serious injury during a sexual encounter and learning of her father's death, Po recounts her family's curses and blessings.

REDEMPTION SONG

by Bertrice Berry.

Love develops when two readers reach for a bookstore's only copy of a slave woman's narrative.

SLAPBOXING WITH JESUS

by Victor D. LaValle.

This book contains stories about young men struggling to survive on the sex- and drug-filled streets of New York City.

SOMETHIN' EXTRA

by Patty Rice.

Genie Gatlin knows "it's better to lease a man than own one." That is, until she meets David Lewis.

SORORITY SISTERS

by Tajuana "TJ" Butler.

Five college freshmen from diverse backgrounds find sisterhood as they struggle with college life.

SUGAR

by Bernice L. McFadden.

Tensions grow, secrets are revealed, and a bond of friendship is formed, when Sugar, a prostitute, opens shop in Bigelow, Arkansas.

SUMMER MAGIC

by Rochelle Alers.

While vacationing in her friend's beachfront home, Caryn Edwards is not happy to find that she must share it with a stranger, until romance blooms

***SUNDAY YOU LEARN HOW TO BOX**

by Bil Wright.

14-year-old Louis struggles with his sexual identity while his unsupportive parent believes boxing will encourage his masculinity.

THIS JUST IN

by Yolanda Joe.

Chicago television station WKBA is last in the news ratings. Intrigue and deception ensue as employees scramble to save their jobs.

TUFF

by Paul Beatty.

"Tuffy" Foshay, 19 years old, 300+ pounds, and part-time drug dealer, decides to run for the City Council of New York, with an African American rabbi as his advisor.

WARM HANDS

by Margaret Johnson-Hodge.

This novel is a story of romance, infidelity, heartbreak, and finally, love.

THE WAY FORWARD IS WITH A BROKEN HEART

by Alice Walker.

Stories exploring several women's heartfelt and sometimes heartbreaking relationships with husbands, friends, and lovers.

History

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PEOPLE: THREE CENTURIES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TOLD BY THOSE WHO LIVED IT

edited by Herb Boyd.

The voices of the famous as well as the obscure re-create the African American experience.

E185 .A97 2000

BLACK DIPLOMACY: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT, 1945-1969

by Michael L. Krenn.

After World War II, African Americans waged a largely unsuccessful struggle to increase their numbers and influence in the Foreign Service and the State Department.

JZ1480 .K74 1999

***BLACK HANDS, WHITE SAILS: THE STORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN WHALERS**

by Patricia C. McKissack and Frederick L. McKissack.

Between 1750 and 1880, runaway slaves and free black seamen found racial equality and opportunities for advancement aboard whaling ships.

SH381.5 .M38 1999

BORN IN BONDAGE: GROWING UP ENSLAVED IN THE ANTEBELLUM SOUTH

by Marie Jenkins Schwartz.

E443 .S39 2000

"BURY ME NOT IN A LAND OF SLAVES": AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE TIME OF RECONSTRUCTION

by Joyce Hansen.
E1852 .H32 2000

THE COMPLETE CIVIL WAR JOURNAL AND SELECTED LETTERS OF THOMAS WENTWORTH HIGGINSON

edited by Christopher Looby.
Higginson, a prominent clergyman, author, and abolitionist, was a colonel in the first regiment of freed slaves in the Union Army.
E492 .94 33 .H53 2000

CONTEMPT OF COURT: THE TURN OF THE CENTURY LYNCHING THAT LAUNCHED 100 YEARS OF FEDERALISM

by Mark Curriden and Leroy Phillips.
After he was wrongly convicted of rape, Ed Johnson's lynching led to the only Supreme Court criminal trial.
KF224 .J63 C87 1999

***THE FACE OF OUR PAST: IMAGES OF BLACK WOMEN FROM COLONIAL AMERICA TO THE PRESENT**

edited by Kathleen Thompson and Hilary Mac Austin.
E185.86 .F33 1999

LAY THIS BODY DOWN: THE 1921 MURDERS OF ELEVEN PLANTATION SLAVES

by Gregory A. Freeman.
A white plantation owner, in an attempt to destroy the evidence that he kept "slaves," ordered one black "slave" to help kill eleven others.
HV6534 .J36 F74 1999

A LIFE IS MORE THAN A MOMENT: THE DESEGREGATION OF LITTLE ROCK'S CENTRAL HIGH

by I. Wilmer Counts.
A photojournalist who covered the school's desegregation in 1957 returns forty years later for another look at Central High.
LC214.23 .L56 .C68 1999x

MY SOUL IS A WITNESS: A CHRONOLOGY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA, 1954-1965

by Bettye Collier-Thomas and V.P. Franklin.
E185.61 C697 2000

TO MAKE OUR WORLD ANEW: A HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

edited by Robin D.G. Kelley and Earl Lewis.
This book chronicles African Americans from the arrival of African slaves in 1502 to the present.
E185 .T68 2000

International

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ABOLITIONISTS ABROAD: AMERICAN BLACKS AND THE MAKING OF MODERN WEST AFRICA

by Lamin Sanneh.

An engrossing account of the founding of Freetown, West Africa, in 1792 by freed slaves.

DT476 .S26 1999

THE AFRICAN KITCHEN

by Josie Stow and Jan Baldwin.

Combines the thrill of the safari with pan-African cooking. Includes vivid photos and recipes.

TX725 .A4 S76 2000

BLACK IDENTITIES: WEST INDIAN IMMIGRANT DREAMS AND AMERICAN REALITIES

by Mary C. Waters.

Caribbean immigrants discovered the complex realities of American race relations.

E184 .W54 W38 1999

COMING TO TERMS: SOUTH AFRICA'S SEARCH FOR TRUTH

by Martin Meredith.

An even-handed account of the moral and political issues raised by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

DT1945 .M47 1999

CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN ART

by Sidney Littlefield Kasfir.

The book examines the major themes and accomplishments in African art from the past fifty years.

N7380.K37 2000

MADUMO: A MAN BEWITCHED

by Adam Ashforth.

The author provides a contemporary narrative of South African superstition and witchcraft.

BF1584.S6 Z7 2000

MANDELA: THE AUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY

by Anthony Sampson.

Mandela's enormous accomplishments are covered with a focus on his long incarceration and his profound belief in reconciliation.

DT1974.S26 1999

NEW AFRICAN POETRY: AN ANTHOLOGY

edited by Tanure Ojaide and Tijan M. Sallah.

PL8013.E5 N478 1999

PALACE SCULPTURES OF ABOMEY: HISTORY TOLD ON WALLS

by Sidney Littlefield Kasfir.

A richly illustrated history of the Fon people from the Republic of Benin, who established a dynasty in the early 17th century.

N7380 .K37 2000

THIS HOUSE HAS FALLEN: MIDNIGHT IN NIGERIA

by Karl Maier.

This book offers a disturbing and evocative account of one of the most complex, multi-ethnic, and populous nations.

DT515.842 .M35 2000

Mysteries

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ALL THE LUCKY ONES ARE DEAD: AN AARON GUNNER MYSTERY

by Gar Anthony Haywood.

Is the death of a gangsta rap star connected to the threats an ultraconservative black talk show hostess is receiving?

BLANCHE PASSES GO

by Barbara Neely.

When Blanche returns home to Farleigh, North Carolina, she investigates a mysterious death and is confronted by past demons.

COOKIE CUTTER

by Sterling Anthony.

Lt. "Bloody Mary" Cunningham of the Detroit Homicide Squad searches for a serial killer who leaves an Oreo in each victim's hand.

***DEAD ABOVE GROUND**

by Jervey Tervalon.

In 1940's New Orleans, 17-year-old Lita watches as her married sister Adele unknowingly begins an affair with her father, an ex-con who's out for revenge.

DEAD MAN'S BAY

by Darryl Wimberley.

FBI agent Barrett "Bear" Raines is chained to a desk in limbo, when an unexpectedly brutal murder and a few stolen millions spell opportunity.

DETAILS AT TEN

by Ardella Garland.

Georgia Barnett, a Chicago television news reporter, searches for a child who disappeared after witnessing a gang-related drive-by shooting.

***THE DEVIL RIDING**

by Valerie Wilson Wesley.

What looks like a simple case tracking a teenage runaway has PI Tamara Hayle not only frustrated, but terrified.

DO OR DIE: A MALI ANDERSON MYSTERY

by Grace F. Edwards.

Harlem's supersleuth, Mali Anderson, gets involved in the world of pimps and prostitutes when the singer in her father's jazz band is found with her throat cut.

DRUMSTICKS: A NANETTE HAYES MYSTERY

by Charlotte Carter.

When the woman who gave her a mojo doll is murdered, Nanette investigates with the help of an exotic dancer and a white drag queen.

LIMITED TIME: A MEDICAL MYSTERY

by Robert Greer.

A scientist cracks the code to the fountain of youth, but promising young athletes and celebrated medical researchers mysteriously die.

***MAMA PURSUES MURDEROUS SHADOWS**

by Nora De Loach.

Mama is distracted from the preparations for her 35th anniversary when Ruby Spikes commits suicide. Mama investigates.

SCREAM IN SILENCE: A MARTI MACALISTER MYSTERY

by Eleanor Taylor Bland.

In a peaceful suburb of Chicago, the detective investigates a puzzling murder, a relentless arsonist, and an elusive bomber.

THE STEP BETWEEN: A CAROLE ANN GIBSON MYSTERY

by Penny Mickelbury.

Trying to find a client's missing daughter, C.A. Gibson and her partner Jake, navigate a maze of deception in Washington, D.C.

Personalities

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ANGEL ON MY SHOULDER: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

by Natalie Cole with Digby Diehl.

Battered wife, now divorced, cocaine addict, now recovered & the Grammy Award-winning daughter of Nat King Cole.

ML420 .C636 A3

BOOGIE MAN: THE ADVENTURES OF JOHN LEE HOOKER IN THE AMERICAN 20TH CENTURY

by Charles Shaar Murray.

Born in the Mississippi delta the year the first blues record was released, his life and that of music are inexorably intertwined.

ML420 .H635 M87 2000

BROTHERHOOD IN RHYTHM: THE JAZZ TAP DANCING OF THE NICHOLAS BROTHERS

by Constance Valis Hill.

Portrait of these remarkable siblings from their vaudeville roots to Hollywood's big screen.

GV1785.A1 V35

DESTINED TO WITNESS: GROWING UP BLACK IN NAZI GERMANY

by Hans Massaquoi.

The son of a Liberian diplomat tells what he witnessed.

DD78.B55 M38 1999

THE DEVIL AND SONNY LISTON

by Nick Tosches.

The book is a frank and revealing tell-all of the boxer's stormy life.

GV1132 .L53 T68

DON'T MAKE ME STOP THIS CAR: ADVENTURES IN FATHERHOOD

by Al Roker.

TV's popular weatherman relates humorous misadventures from infertility to changing diapers.

HQ756. R6395

FATHERING WORDS: THE MAKING OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN WRITER

by Ethelbert Miller.

The poet offers a poignant memoir.

PS3563 .I3768 Z465

HURRICANE: THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF RUBIN CARTER

by James Hirsch.

Carter's violent lifestyle and a corrupt New Jersey legal system led to his wrongful conviction for murder.

HV6248 .C353 H57

I WISH YOU LOVE

by Gloria Lynne with Karen Chilton.

Gloria Lynne was touted as the heir apparent to Billie Holiday and Dinah Washington, but her rocky personal relationships and dubious financial dealings destroyed her dream.

ML420 .L9456 A3

LANTERNS: A MEMOIR OF MENTORS

by Marian Wright Edelman.

A tribute to the church members, teachers, colleagues and family, both famous and not, who provided positive influences in her life.

E185.97 E33 A3 1999

LIFE IS SO GOOD

by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman.

Undaunted by the brutal racism of his Texas hometown, this manual laborer learned to read at the age of 98 and wrote this memoir at 101.

F394 .M36 D39

LOOSE BALLS: EASY MONEY, HARD FOULS, CHEAP LAUGHS, AND TRUE LOVE IN THE NBA

by Jayson Williams with Steve Friedman.

The book is an honest humorous look at the NBA by one of its own.

GV885.515.N37 W54

LOVE ACROSS COLOR LINES: Otilie Assing and Frederick Douglass

by Maria Diedrich.

Assing, a German journalist, committed suicide when, after she spent 28 years as Douglass's mistress, he married a different white woman upon the death of his first wife.

E449 .D57 1999

LOVE UNLIMITED: INSIGHTS ON LIFE AND LOVE

by Barry White with Marc Eliot.

ML 420. W473 A3 1999

LYING DOWN WITH THE LIONS: A PUBLIC LIFE FROM THE STREETS OF OAKLAND TO THE HALLS OF POWER

by Ronald V. Dellums and H. Lee Halterman.

How his first career as a social worker fueled his future activities as a left-wing politician in the House of Representatives.

E840.8 D45 A3 2000

MARIAN ANDERSON: A SINGER'S JOURNEY

by Allan Keiler.

While her lifelong racial challenges are not ignored, this biography by a Brandeis professor focuses on Anderson as "an artist first and a civil rights leader by default."

ML420 .A6 K45 2000

MEASURE OF A MAN: A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

by Sidney Poitier.

The actor offers a stream of consciousness reflections on his life - from his poor Bahamian origins to his Hollywood celebrity.

PN 2287 .P57 A3

THE MESSENGER: THE RISE AND FALL OF ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

by Karl Evanzz.

This portrait of the co-founder of the nation of Islam includes previously unreleased information.

BP 223 .Z8 E434

MILES AND ME

by Quincy Troupe.

A revealing look at a musical genius by his poet-journalist friend.

ML 419. D39 T76

MIRIAM'S SONG: A MEMOIR

by Miriam Mathabane as told to Mark Mathabane.

Kaffir Boy author recounts his sister's life in South Africa during apartheid.

DT 2405 .A44 M38 2000

MORNING GLORY: A BIOGRAPHY OF MARY LOU WILLIAMS

by Linda Dahl.

Life of an unsung heroine, who just may be the mid-century's most influential jazz musician.

ML417 .W515 D34 1999

MUHAMMAD ALI'S GREATEST FIGHT: CASSIUS CLAY VS. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

by Howard L. Bingham and Max Wallace.

The book outlines why Ali refused to be inducted into the United States Army.

GV1132 .A44 W24 2000

NAT KING COLE

by Daniel Mark Epstein.

With two wives and many mistresses, his television show, and on-stage attack at a Birmingham concert, his private and professional lives had many highs and lows.

ML420 .C63 E67 1999

NEVER BEFORE, NEVER AGAIN: THE STIRRING AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EDDIE ROBINSON, THE WINNINGEST COACH IN THE HISTORY OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL

by Eddie Robinson with Richard Lapchick.

GV 939 .R58 A3 1999

NO FUTURE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS

by Desmond Mpilo Tutu.

Reflections of the Nobel Laureate's tenure as chair of South Africa's post-apartheid Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

BR 1450 .T88 19999

OPEN SKY: SONNY ROLLINS AND HIS WORLD OF IMPROVISATION

by Eric Nisenson.

ML 419 .R64 N57

OUR KIND OF PEOPLE: INSIDE AMERICA'S BLACK UPPER CLASS

by Lawrence Otis Graham.

The revealing stories and experiences of elite African Americans who grew up with privilege and power.

E 185.86 .G644 1999

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